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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 30, 2002, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The information enclosed with this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. Specifically, the attached Korean Office Action dated January 14, 2004, was cited in a counterpart Korean patent application. A translation of this Office Action will be provided if the Examiner so requires.

Korean patent document number 2000-0070669 corresponds to PCT publication number WO 99/28790, copy also enclosed. A translation of the Korean patent document will be provided if the Examiner so requires.

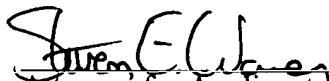
Japanese patent document number 2000-049066 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,285,457, copy also enclosed. The Examiner will note that this patent was cited in the Office Action dated July 16, 2003.

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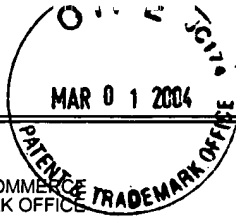
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